Michinobu Mizumura, et al. Application No.: 09/944,866

Page 6

Restriction Requirement:

Counsel wishes to prosecute the claims related to the species of the first embodiment. These are claims 1-7, 11, 12 and new claims 13-15. Each of these claims reads upon the embodiment depicted in Figures 1 and 2.

Claims 8-12, and new claims 13-15 read upon the species of a second embodiment depicted in Figures 3 and 4.

The third described embodiment of the invention is illustrated in Figures 5 and 6. The third embodiment consists of performing a preliminary step (not claimed) and then carrying out either the first embodiment or the second embodiment. Thus, all claims presented can read upon a method performed in accordance with a third embodiment.

The fourth embodiment described in the specification is depicted in Figure 7. This fourth embodiment is a more specific implementation of the first embodiment. Thus, the fourth embodiment is covered by claims 1-7, 11-12, and new claims 13-15.

As earlier stated, counsel elects to prosecute claims 1-7, 11-12 and 13-15.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

n Calull

Robert C. Colwell Reg. No. 27,431

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP Two Embarcadero Center, 8th Floor San Francisco, California 94111-3834

Tel: 650-326-2400 Fax: 415-576-0300

RCC:mks PA 3283718 v1